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La Peña Cultural Center

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La Tienda Box Office

FOR ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY
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Café Valparaíso at La Peña

Now open for breakfast, lunch and dinner
Wed. - Fri. & Sat. 9am - 2pm & 5:30 - 10:30pm
Sun. 9am - 9:30pm
Friday Salsa Dancing with DJ. 10:30pm Cover
Phone/fax 510-841-3800

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* indicates that this program is a community rental and/or benefit and that tarjetas (La Peña discount cards) are not valid. Programs subject to change. La Peña is wheelchair accessible. La Peña is a member of the Latino Arts Network of California.

Two-Month Calendar
See back for December

www.lapena.org

La Peña Calendar of Events • November • 2005

(DECEMBER 05 ON THE BACK)

La Peña Welcomes 2003 Latin Grammy Winners

Orishas

Saturday, Nov. 5, 2005. 9pm
Historic Sweets Ballroom
1933 Broadway in Oakland.

This Paris based group is the first Cuban hip-hop crew to emerge on a global scale & change the face of rap en Español forever. With an organic blend of Cuban rhythms & modern hip-hop productions Orishas have become one of the references in international hip-hop.

Sponsored by Bill Martinez & Martinez and Associates, Hard Knock Radio, Youth Movement Records, Oakland Box Theater. Adv. tickets: $23 & $25 (students w/ID). At the door: $28. Tickets at ww.lapena.org or by phone at 510-849-2568 x20 & at La Peña: Wed - Sat. 1 - 6pm.

Karen Williams 11/19

Sarine Balian 11/3

Los Amiguitos de La Peña

Saturday Morning Kids shows.
10:30am $4 adults $3 kids

Sat. Nov. 5. Harvest of Songs. **Bonnie Lockhart** & **Fran Avni** pair up for a rare duo performance for kids and families.

Sat. Nov. 12: Gerry Tenney performs silly songs for kids and for adults who are kids at heart.

Sat, Nov 19. Come and join **Los Mapaches** as they celebrate the festivities with zampoñas, tarkas, bombos, singing & more!

Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price
a film by Robert Greenwald
Tuesday, November 15, 7:30pm • Free
Unchecked corporate greed is destroying families, & Wal-Mart is leading the way. A deeply personal journey into the every day lives of families struggling to fight goliath. From a small business owner in the Midwest to a preacher in California, from workers in Florida to a poet in Mexico, dozens of film crews on three continents bring the intensely personal stories of an assault on families & American values. *Co-sponsored by Progressive Jewish Alliance & East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy.*

SUNDAY

6 DOMINGO DE RUMBA 3:30PM

Benefit for Melrose Elementary School in Oakland

Alexa Weber Morales and her all star band that includes Michael Spiro, Paul Van Wageningen, David Belove, Edgardo Cambon, Melecio Magadaluyo and others perform to benefit Melrose School. Opening act features the funk sextet the **Funkanauts**.

6:30pm $20*

13 ARTIST RECEPTION

Reception for the Mestizo Exhibition: Meztizo Exhibition. How women are presented in our society. Original Paintings by Eduardo Diaz and Carlos Granillo. Oct 1-Nov 30, Reception Sun. Nov. 13. Exhibit at the lobby & theather from Oct. 1 until Nov 30. Reception at the cafe. 6pm Free

20 DOMINGO DE RUMBA 3:30PM

Berkeley Biodiesel Collective
presents
The '05 Biodiesel Mixer:
networking, presentations, music, film, discussions, demonstrations, food, drinks, and socializing. Whether you know a lot or a little about Biodiesel, this event has something for you.

5-9pm $5-20 sliding scale*

27 CRAFTS FAIR

Join Women of Color Artists & Craftswomen for the 10th Annual
WOMYN OF COLOR ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW
The show presents a group of local Women of Color artists exhibiting and selling their original hand crafted work. This year will feature paintings, clay sculptures, textile, jewelry, quilts decorative functional furniture & wearable art. **Cafe will be open.**
10:30am - 4:30pm Free

FOR CLASSES SCHEDULES VISIT WWW.LAPENA.ORG

WEDNESDAY

2 ARGENTINA REPORT

Patricia Isasa's national speaking tour will address the atrocities committed during the Dirty War in Argentina. She will speak from a personal place and tell her story of being held captive by her government for nearly three years. She will tell about the struggles to bring criminal lawsuits to her captors, some of whom were trained at the School of the Americas in Fort Benning Georgia. Spon. by Global Exchange.
7:30pm $15 * (no one turned away for lack of funds)

9 CAFE POETRY HOSTED BY KIRA ALLEN 7:30PM

Advance Sale Ticket Information
Advance sale tickets are available for a select number of programs. Tickets may be purchased on line via our web-site, www.lapena.org. **Advance tickets do not guarantee a seat.** Ticketholders must arrive by show time for seating. People with special needs should call **849-2568 ext. 20** to make special arrangements.

16 CAFE POETRY HOSTED BY PARADISE 7:30PM

BEAT ARNOLD AND HIS INITIATIVES!
GET OUT AND VOTE!
No on Props.
73, 74, 75, 76, 78
Yes on Prop. 79

23 CAFE & THEATER CLOSED

30 CONCERT / POLITICAL SATIRE

Dave Lippman presents his song-slide-sound piece "Star of Goliath" from his visit to Palestine & Israel last year. Singing CIA agent *George Shrub* will be in the house with new caustic comments on Bush, Katrina, CAFTA, & the like. Sharp satire - don't miss it. "*Lippman attempts to understand his Israeli cousins by juxtaposing typical Zionist justifications with the brutal realities of the occupation.*" - *Washington Report on Middle East Affairs*
8pm. $7-$10 sliding scale

THURSDAY

3 ARMENIAN CONCERT

Sarine Balian in Concert
Sarine performs music reflective of her cultural background & spirituality and combines jazz with traditional Armenian songs. Born of Armenian descent and raised in Lebanon & the US, she has been a lover of music that crosses cultural boundaries. "*My music is an expression of who I am and what I am inspired by; music that allows multiple cultures to exist in the same space.*" With Eugene Warren, Brian Carmody & Walter Bankovitch.
7:30pm $10

10 BENEFIT CONCERT

Awareness up!
Come to celebrate National Adoption Awareness Month with spoken word and hip hop music. Joing us as Bay Area youth lay down the truth about foster care. A night you won't forget!
8pm $10
$5 youth 18 & below

17 *INT'L LATINO FILM FESTIVAL*

Promedio rojo (*Failing Grades*)
100min. Chile/Spain. DVD.
7pm-9:10pm $10/$8
(@ 8:50pm a 20 min break)

Tudo azul (Everything Blue)
80min. Brazil/USA/Mexico. DVD
9:10pm -10:40pm $10/$8

(See below for more details)

24 CAFE & THEATER CLOSED

FRIDAY

4 MUSIC & DANCE CONCERT

De Rompe y Raja
For its 10th anniversary
De Rompe y Raja returns to La Peña, where it originally began its artistic life in 1995. The group will celebrate with an all-star Afro-Peruvian music & dance crew that includes singers & dancers who have worked with them over the the last10 years. De Rompe is honored to bring from Peru lead *Peru Negro* vocalist Marina la Valle.
8:30pm $13 adv. $15 door
Proceeds will help in the production of De rompe CD *Diaspora Negra*

11& 12 Hecho en Califas 2005

Casique y Congo
Bomba, traditional form of Puerto Rican music & dance.
Somos/ We are
a Latin Funk Fusion force to be enjoyed by all music loving minds
Carne Cruda
A release party for its new CD, *Spicy Sea Adventures*.
8pm $10 $7 students w/ID

18 *INT'L LATINO FILM FESTIVAL*

Scribble's Creations
45min. USA. DVD
Inventos: Hip Hop Cubano
50 min. Cuba/USA. DVD.
Q & A with Directors Kathy Huang Scribbles and Eli Jacobs-Fantauzzi
7pm - 9pm $10/$8

La Llorona (The Crying Woman)
14min. Spain/Colombia. DVD
Perder es cuestión de método (The Art of Losing) 95min. Spain/Colombia. DVD
9pm-10pm $10/$8

25 CAFE VALPAISO OPEN

Hecho en Califas 2005!

Joe Hernandez 11/12

Somos 11/11

LA PEÑA FOR RENT
Weekdays $200 for a four hour period not including tech. Events supporting non-profit preferred. (510) 849-2568 ext. 11 or ext. 17. or **http://www.lapena.org/Info/Rentals.html**

SATURDAY

5 *BONNIE LOCKHART 10:30AM*

ORISHA concert in Oakland tonight

Bienvenidos Latin Grammy Winners
Orishas
Historic Sweets Ballroom
1933 Broadway, in Oakland • 9pm
Opening by **Company of Prophets & Youth Movement Records**.
All ages welcome. Adv. tickets: $23 & $25 (students w/ID). At the door: $28. Tickets at ww.lapena.org or by phone at 510-849-2568 x20 & at La Peña: Wed - Sat. 1 - 6pm.

GERRY TENNEY 10:30AM

Las Manas; A female spoken word collective with themes of motherhood, sexuality, & the relationship between 1st & 3rd world women. ***Joe Hernandez Kolski's Refried Latino Pride;*** Poems about the story of a Polish-Mexican man growing up in Chicago. ***Los Able Minded Poets***; Politically charged & life conscious spoken word & singing backed by an incredible music band.
8pm $10, $7 students w/ID

19 *LOS MAPACHES 10:30AM*

La Lesbian Comedy / DJ Dance
Described as a "a laugh riot" by Curve Magazine, comic **Karen Williams** is known for her quick repartee, insightful commentary & edgy delivery. Karen performs nationally and is a regular on the festival circuit & Olivia cruises.
7pm $14 adv. $16.dr.
Followed by a DJ Dance for Lesbians & their Allies. With DJ ***Trilce Santana*** spinning world. ***$10 adv. $15dr. 9pm-12pm*** Tixs at www.ticketweb.com

26 CRAFTS FAIR SAT. & SUN.

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WOMYN OF COLOR ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW
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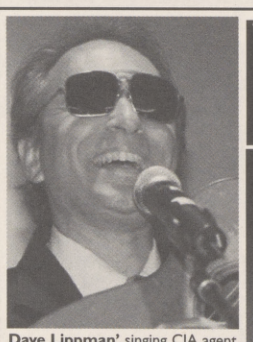
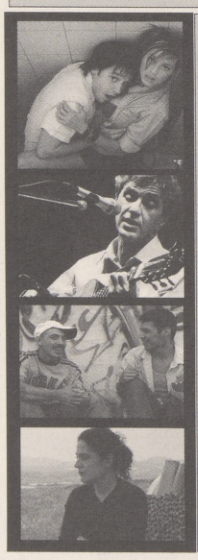

Dave Lippman' singing CIA agent

Latino Film Festival-SFBA 11/17-18



Promedio Rojo / Failing Grades. Comic book aficionado Roberto battles low self-esteem, loser friends & high school bullies as he vies for the heart of Cristina, the hot new girl from Madrid. The film features animated comic book sequences.

Tudo azul / Everything Blue. An exploration of Brazilian music, that uncovers the history of struggle & political dissent that embodies the soul of samba and is as beautiful to watch as it is to listen to. With the Samba School of Portela, Caetano Veloso & others.

Scribble's Creations. A look at the residents of the colonias; unincorporated settlements along the U.S.-México border. Through the travails of a young urban artist, the world of the colonias is revealed from leaky ceilings & family squabbles to young love & unflagging optimism.

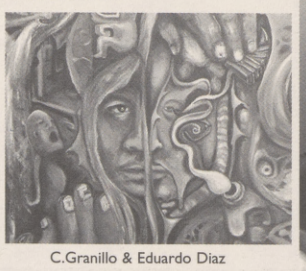
Inventos. Through the voices of Cubano Hip Hop pioneers, the film is a unique insight into the social realities & political movements of contemporary Cuba.

Perder es cuestión de método / The Art of Losing. A stylistic film noir shot in Bogotá that tracks a hemorrhoids-stricken journalist, an exotic dancer & a military commander as they move from strip clubs to nudist centers seeking to solve the mystery of a corpse.

EN LAS PAREDES / LA PEÑA EXHIBITS

Ellen Clark Greene

CAFE: ***Palestinian Refugee Camps-Photos by Ellen Clark Greene.*** Nov 1 - Nov 30. An exhibit of Greene's photographs taken in May/June 2004. Ellen's photographs from seven Palestinian refugee camps in Syria and Lebanon, as well as her work from Iran and Afghanistan challenge the viewer to see beyond conflict to shared humanity. Public opening Nov. 5 at the Cafe.


C.Granillo & Eduardo Diaz

LOBBY & THEATER: ***Meztizo Exhibition. How women are presented in our society.*** Original Paintings by Eduardo Diaz and Carlos Granillo. Oct 1-Nov 30, Reception Sun. Nov. 13.

The Internationally Acclaimed Palestinian Youth Dance Troupe
IBDAA! 2005 National Tour October 28-Nov 26
Bay Area Events Palo Alto, Santa Rosa, San Francisco, & Berkeley,
For venues, and information: events@mecaforpeace.org

23rd annual **SAN FRANCISCO JAZZ FESTIVAL**
oct.19 - nov.06, 2005
presents
"Canción de Chile"
inti illimani
November 3, 7:30pm • Herbst Theatre
"Inti-Illimani's music floats within your soul, filling it with calmness and hope." – *L.A. Times*

Tickets:
www.sfjazz.org
(415) 776-1999

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SEE NOVEMBER 05 ON THE BACK

NEW YEAR'S EVE CUBAN DANCE

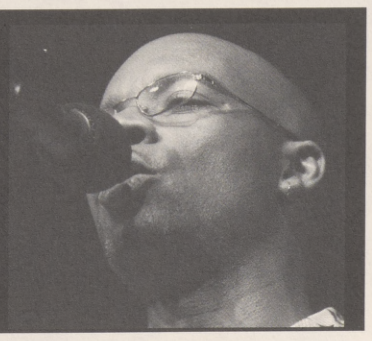
JESUS DIAZ

& HIS BAY AREA AFRO CUBAN ALL STARS

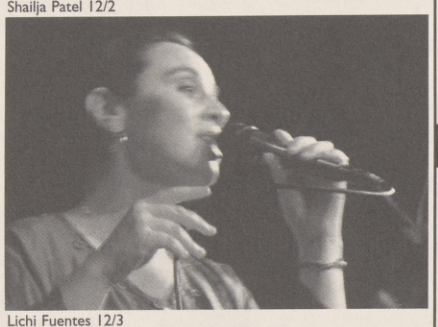
Sat. Dec. 31, 9:30pm

$23adv. $25dr. www.lapena.org

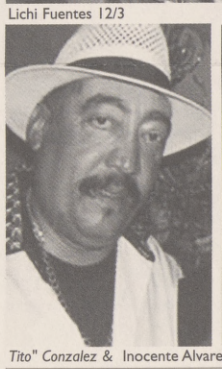
Cafe Valparaiso Special New Year Eve Menu
reservations: 841-3800

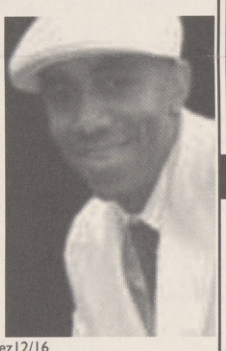


Shailja Patel 12/2



Lichi Fuentes 12/3

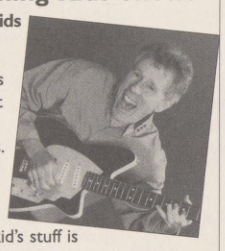




Tito" Conzalez & Inocente Alvarez 12/16

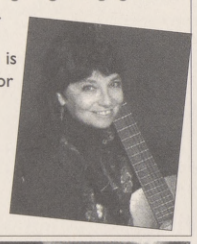
Los Amiguitos de La Peña
Saturday Morning Kids Shows

10:30am $4 adults $3 kids



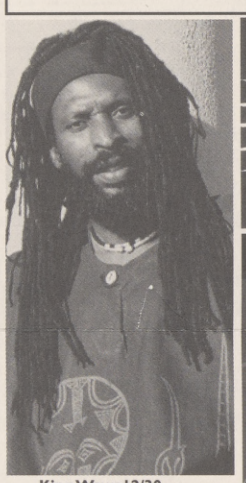
Sat. Dec 3: **Gary Lapow** has been entertaining kids & families for so long that he's starting to get his second generation of fans. Come sing-along, move-along, & laugh-along with this popular veteran children's singer. "Gary's kid's stuff is Great! You're in for a good time." *Whoopi Goldberg*

Sat. Dec. 10: **Diana Shmiana** presenting her Winter Wonderama show featuirng her wacky cast of characters. The show features story telling, magic, singing, and clowning. This program is designed for 3-6 year olds.



Sat. Dec. 17: Join **Bonnie Lockhart** for a winter sing-along concert with songs & music games from many traditions.

Cascada de Flores 12/18



King Wawa 12/30

EN LAS PAREDES / LA PEÑA MONTHLY ART EXHIBIT / DECEMBER 2005

CAFE: TO BE ANNOUNCED

LOBBY: Dec. 1-31st. ***With our hands: Italian Americans at Work in the East Bay.*** A historical photo exhibit and collection of Italian Americans at work in the East Bay, covering the period from the 1890s to the 1960s. The collection covers such labor sectors as scavengers, quarry work, truck farming, canneries, manufacturing, construction, garment work, markets, bakeries, and service labor.

THEATER: Dec 1, 2005-January 31, 2006. ***Tres Pelones. Tres mentes, un mundo*** (three minds , one world) Paintings by artists Gustavo Reynoso, Hector Espinoza and Ivan Rubio. Three emerging artist from Sacto and the Bay Area will be exhibiting their vibrant and unique artwork to feed the soul. Their visions are simple and expressed with clarity, yet encourage the mind to explore the possibilities of deeper meaning.

Learn Spanish in Mexico! Come to the Cuernavaca Language Institute

Learn Spanish in Mexico-Get Credits in the USA
Come to the Cuernavaca Language Institute in Cooperation with S.F.S.U. Credits available through S.F.S.U. and S.W.T.S.U. Contact Josefina Sosa MD. or Mario Rodriguez Tel/Fax: 011-52-777-315-0434 www.mesoamerica.com.mx Tel/Fax: 011-52-777-315-04-34

THURSDAY

1 BENEFIT CONCERT

Chiapas Support Committee Report on the EZLN's new International Campaign:

La Otra Campaña

Benefit for Autonomous Pharmacy Project in Chiapas.
Musical solidarity by

La Peña Community Chorus

$7-$15 sliding scale 7:30pm

FRIDAY

2 SPOKEN WORD THEATER

Shailja Patel and Rodney Mason

Power Launch! Be first to offer your take on new work-in-progress from rising stars of spoken word theater, Shailja Patel and Rodney Mason. See Patel's Migritude, Mason's Origins of a man, share your input then party with *Dhamall Sound System.*

8pm $10 - $15 sliding scale

SATURDAY

3 Gary Lapow 10:30am

Lichi Fuentes in Concert

La Peña Community Chorus director, songwriter and vocalist Lichi Fuentes, returns to La Peña's stage with a repertoire that includes new songs and Latin American *nueva canción* favorites. With Hugo Wainzinger, Donna Viscuso, Katja Cooper and special guest.

8pm $12adv $14dr.

SUNDAY

4 CONCERT

Junius Courtney Big Band with Denise Perrier

The Junius Courtney Big Band lifts off in live performance to delirious realms of swing. This 18-piece swing machine, founded by Junius Courtney in 1966, delivers a repertoire from Basie, Ellington, & Thad Jones to the Latin tinge & originals. Internationally-acclaimed vocalist Denise Perrier fronts the band. Nat Courtney at the drum kit, is the leader, and George "Jazzbeaux" Spencer, trumpeter, is musical director.

7:30pm $12 adv. $14 door

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Scholarship Opportunity for U.C. Berkeley Students

The Traversa-Pasquini-Duccini Endowed Schlarship Fund provides scholarships to deserving undergraduate students in UC Berkeley whith demonstrated financial need. Preference for students who are either immigrants to the US, with a further preference for Italian or Latino immigrants, or single parents. Contact U.C. Berkeley Financial Aid Office.

18 CONCERT

Cascada de Flores

Son and song of Mexico and Cuba with a hypnotic vocal duet, guitars, tres cubano, "guitarjón", flute, marimbol, guitarra de son, jarana Veracruzana, footwork, quijada de burro, and cajón.

7:30pm $15

25 CAFE & THEATER CLOSED

Volunteer Opportunities

For 30 years, La Peña has counted on volunteers. We need volunteers to help staff our programs, do grassroots publicity, participate in fundraising activities, bulk mailings, and much more. **Call Mariola Fernández @ 510/849-2568 x13, or mariola@lapena.org**

WEDNESDAY

7 FORUM

The New Heroes Social Entrepreneurship Forum

Learn how social entrepreneurs are using business techniques to challenge poverty and injustice. Documentary video and local leaders will tell success stories. See ad for more info or call (510) 622-0202.

7:30pm Free

14 CAFE POETRY HOSTED BY KIRA ALLEN 7:30PM

Class Recital for La Peña's Workshops

Afro-Cuban Music Youth Ensemble directed by Marco Diaz and Julio Perez
The Lab Live Hip Hop Ensemble directed by Brutha Los and Raul Perales
La Peña Latin Jazz Ensemble directed by Josh Jones

7pm $7 / $5 students

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28 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

29 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

GOT MACS?

La Peña needs either a E-Mac or an I-Mac computer. If you are upgading and want to make a donation please contact pchin@lapena.org

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Art, Dance, and Vision of Cuba

Energy will be very high as the Berkeley Palma Soriano Sister City Assoc. sets off on three different trips this December-January. Come out and support a team of young bay-area muralists poised to paint a mural in Santiago de Cuba, to celebrate our third year of sistering in Palma-Soriano., and returning to paint a mural here! Check La Peña website for program details.

7:30pm $10-$15*

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THEATER CLOSED
CHECK LA PEÑA'S WEB SITE FOR LAST MINUTE PROGRAMMING

WWW.LAPENA.ORG

CAFÉ VALPARAÍSO, Now open for breakfast and lunch OPEN FROM 9AM

22

9 DANCE

Trick -n- Treat Present

HELLA

Celebrating Hip Hop in the community

9pm $5

16 CUBAN DANCE

Tito y Su Son

Dance to the traditional Cuban dance music featuring *Heriberto "Tito" Conzalez, "El Tresero mayor"*. Their music has been compared to the *Buena Vista Social Club*. Tito was one of the founders of the *Nuevo Conjunto* de Arsenio Rodriquez & studied the "tres" with Papi Oviedo of the Buena Vista Social Club. Special guest appearance with Inocente Alvarez, former timbalero of *Orquesta Aragon.*

9pm $12

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30 CONCERT/DANCE

A pre-celebration of Haitian Independence
King Wawa and the Oneness Kingdom Band & guests

Haitian singer/songwriter Wawa Sylvestre celebrates his rich Haitian roots with music that is a fusion of soca and reggae. An evening of Haitian, African & Reggae music and culture. Also appearing, Haitian folkloric dancers, drummers, and poets. CD Respect Movement will be available. **8pm $15**

10 Diana Shimana 10:30am

LIVE MUSIC & DANCE
Fiesta Boricua

A night of Puerto Rican music and dance with two of the Bay Area's most exciting groups, **Son Borikua** and **Grupo Cacique y Kongo**. Traditional Bomba dancing, Plena, Jíbaro music, and Salsa. Come ready to dance the night away!

8:30pm $10

17 Bonnie Lockhart 10:30am

FLAMENCO

La Nina Productions and the Bay Area Flamenco Partnership present
Navidad Flamenca

A special holiday fiesta of original flamenco music and dance. Visit our website at www.lapena.org and www.laninaflamenco.com for details.

8pm $18 adv. $20 door

24 NO KIDS SHOW TODAY

Cafe & Theater closed these days. Have a great & safe holiday. Please consider making a donation to our year end fundraising drive. ***Your donations will help keep our center going strong!***

NEW CLASSES: ***Rumba Dance Class:*** Saturdays 2- 3pm (Theater) $12/class. Instructor: ***Jose Francisco Barroso*** (Director of Obakoso, former artist in residence with California Arts Council, pioneer of Afro-Cuban dance in the Bay Area) Students will learn yambu, guaguanco, & columbia, three forms of rumba. By learning rumba, students will learn body movements and a strong sense of clave which will enrich their ability to dance salsa, son, danzon & other popular dances. Starts in November.

Kidz Funk: Ages 7 - 14, Fee: $7. Saturdays: 1:00 - 2:00pm -(Theater). Instructor: ***Alvin Jackson*** (teaches at Washington and Cragmont Elementary Schools and Malonga Casquelord Center for the Arts) Students will learn various styles of dance combined to make fusion: West African, Jazz & Hip-Hop. Kids will learn improv - techniques to back up the choreography. Starts October 22.

31 CUBAN DANCE PARTY!

Celebrate New Year's Eve
with Jesus Diaz and his Bay Area Afro- Cuban All Stars Featuring, Orlando Torriente, Saul Sierra, CotoPincheira, and Javier Navarette.

9:30pm $23 adv. $25 door

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Juanita Ulloa *Releases her new CD Paz y Alegria*

Fri, December 2, 2005. 7:30pm
Community Music Center,
544 Capp St. San Francisco

Sun, December 18, 2005. 5:30& 7pm
Peña Pachamama Supper Club,
1630 Powell St. San Francisco

Fri, January 13, 2006. 8pm
La Peña Cultural Center,
3105 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley

www.juanitamusic.com

Progressive Asset Management and the *Calvert Group* present a:

Social Entrepreneurship Forum

With excerpts from the PBS documentary: "The New Heroes"

Learn how local leaders are using business techniques to challenge poverty and injustice.

- Mike Hannigan of *Give Something Back*
- Priya Haji of *World of Good*
- Malaika Edwards of *The People's Grocery*

December 7th, 7:30PM
Free
@ La Peña
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www.progressive-asset.com

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